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1. On 5 November 1953, the barracks installation in Zwaetzer near Jena, was occupied by about 800 troops with artillery insignia and 400 troops with tank insignia. Beginning on 31 October, new troops who were recruits and wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, were stationed in the installation. 11 x 37-mm AA guns, 8 T-34/85 tanks and 19 SU-100 guns in the barracks yard. All vehicle sheds were vacant.

2. On 5 November, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied by about 1,500 troops, including about 1,000 troops with tank insignia and the others with artillery insignia. On 31 October, 10 SU-100 guns, 8 T-34/85 tanks, 5 x 85-mm AA guns mounted on flatbed trailers and, on 5 November, 12 x 85-mm AA guns, 9 T-34/85 tanks, 16 SU-100 guns and 2 heavy guns were determined in the barracks yard.

3. On 5 November, the Forst Kaserne was occupied by about 450 troops wearing artillery insignia and 100 troops wearing tank insignia. Twelve guns were seen in the shed next to the street.

4. On 5 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops of a signal unit.

5. On 2 November, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied by about 2,000 to 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 percent with tank insignia and about 40 percent with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 22 October, 30 men engaged in the cleaning of weapons and the maintaining of 2 T-34 tanks and 6 trucks in front of a vehicle shed. On 31 October, about 800 troops were lined up for a roll call.

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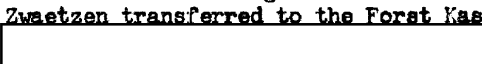
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1. Comment. Contrary to reports of October, this information tends to indicate that the bulk of the elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Jena were at the post in November. The units carried in the barracks installations in Zwaetzen and Loebstedt cannot be confirmed individually. The 2504th Gds AAA Regt (US) has, so far, been carried in the Forst Kaserne. According to the present report, it may be stationed in the barracks installation in Loebstedt. Other reports indicated that transfers within the post occurred in early October and that the 88th Gds Engr Bn stationed in the barracks installation in Zwaetzen transferred to the Forst Kaserne in late October.

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2. Comment. The unidentified Sig Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Div can be confirmed in the Polizei Kaserne until November 1953.

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